

Falls Church Environmental Services Council

Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

City Hall – Planning Conference Room

Present: Ralph Yatsko, Kathy Allan, Joe Garrity, Sam Beatty, Bill Schellstede

Guest: Jason Hobbie

1. Chair Ralph Yasko called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes for February were approved.

Action Items

3. City Center Memo It was agreed that the memo would be expanded to include two points: a) that the height of the building to replace the bowling alley should be decreased in order to mitigate its shading impact on Big Chimney Park, and b) that no part of that park should be converted to roadway.
4. Climate Protection Initiative Task Force Under informal review.
5. Bike-friendly City Nothing further to report.

Update/Discussion Items

6. 2007 Priority Actions

Solid Waste Management

The Fairfax Health Code is being changed to conform with its Solid Waste Codes to eliminate the present conflict between the two.

Single stream recycling There is evidence that the suppliers of the single stream disposal carts may be amenable to providing the carts to the city with the cost being reimbursed from the sale or use of the recycling. A number of issues require further research before this opening can be exploited, and members of the ESC volunteered to assist Kathy in this effort.

Energy Efficiency

Green Building Policy It was agreed that the ESC should encourage the development and adoption of a set of green building requirements to be

included in the application for approval under the Special Exemption Ordinance.

Change a Light Campaign 35% of the target 100 city employees have changed light bulbs.

Watershed Management

Watershed Management Plan A contractor is being appointed to conduct a survey of facilities.

Green Roof Demonstration Project The ESC continues to face difficulties in identifying an appropriate site for an effective demonstration. However, it appears that grant money may be available for it.

Daylighting: Nothing to report.

7. Other Business

Green Builders, Realtors, Auditors, Mortgages: Nothing to report.

Memorial Day – Parade, Booth: ESC members offered to assist with the booth.

City Center Plan: Nothing to report.

9. Announcements

Healthy Habitat Month at the Library: Reported to be well attended and received.

Volunteers for April events: Several members agreed to help with both the Recycling Extravaganza and the Spring Clean-Up. Kathy will circulate details.

Compost Class – May 20th

10. Set Next Meeting Date – May 17th

11. Adjournment

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